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INDONESIA

 Chief Air Marshal ASHADI Tjahjadi
 January 1982

(U) NAME: Chief Air Marshal Ashadi Tjahjadi, Indonesian Air Force.

(U) POSITION: Air Force Chief of Staff since 18 June 1977.

(C/NOFORN) SIGNIFICANCE: Air Marshal Ashadi enjoys an excellent reputation among Indonesian military officials. He assumed the position of Air Force Chief of Staff after having served as Deputy Chief of Air Force for 4 years immediately preceding his latest assignment. Ashadi has been the most consistent traveler with Armed Forces Commander General Jusuf on his frequent inspections around the country, and they appear to have developed a good working relationship. Ashadi is due for reassignment within the next several months. His new assignment is not yet known but earlier rumors listed him as a possible candidate for Deputy Armed Forces Commander.



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(U) POLITICS: Air Marshal Ashadi is a loyal military officer. Although strongly nationalistic, he is friendly towards the United States and Western representatives. Last year, an official visit to the US was planned, but reported pressing business forced his cancellation.

(C/NOFORN) PERSONAL DATA: Air Marshal Ashadi was born 5 May 1928, in Gombong, Central Java, Indonesia. Ashadi is married; his wife's name is unknown. They have two sons and a daughter. His wife speaks English and is active in fund-raising campaigns. In 1971, she was chosen the Air Force's Woman of the Year. Ashadi is a serious minded individual and appears to be standoffish, yet is socially poised and communicates well.

Ashadi enjoys golf, swimming, hunting, and is a qualified glider instructor. He speaks Indonesian, Dutch, and English fluently and also speaks some Japanese. Ashadi is a practicing Muslim.

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(U) CAREER:

- 1947 - Joined A.F. as Sgt Maj.
- 1949-1951 - After 6 months tng commissioned 2LT; assigned to staff duties.
- 1952-1959 - Flt tng; flt instructors school; flt instructor; promoted to 1Lt, 56.
- 1959-1962 - Test pilot; received additional tng; promoted to Capt, 61.

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- 1962-1964 - Asst Dir A.F. Planning, A.F., HQ.
- 1964 - Cmdr, Husien A.F.B.; promoted to Lt Col.
- 1965 - Cmdr, 6th Air Regional Cmd.
- 1966-1968 - Attended A.F. C&S School; assigned as Dir Gen Air Como; promoted to Col.
- 1968 - Chief A.F. Police, A.F. HQ.
- 1969 - Cmdr 1st Air Regional Cmd; promoted to Air Commodore.
- 1970-1973 - Cmdr 5th Air Territorial Cmd; promoted to Air Vice Marshal, 70.
- 1973-May 1977 - Deputy CofS, A.F., since 12 Apr 73; promoted to Air Marshal, Dec 73.
- Jun 77-Present - Assigned to Air Force Chief of Staff, 18 Jun 77; promoted to Chief Air Marshal, 15 Apr 1978.

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INDONESIA
Major General KAHPI Suriadiredja
January 1982

(U) NAME: Major General Kahpi Suriadiredja, Indonesian Marine Corps. (Pronounced KAH-pee).

(U) POSITION: Commandant, Indonesian Marine Corps, since June 1977.

(C/NOFORN) SIGNIFICANCE: General Kahpi is a 1970 graduate of the US Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico, Virginia. Kahpi enjoys an excellent reputation as a troop commander and in 1976 was selected for the number two spot in the Indonesian Marine Corps over more senior officers.



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General Kahpi believes that the Marines are the best fighting troops in Indonesia and wants them organized and equipped similar to the US Marine Corps. He has worked actively to carry out the ambitious military improvement programs of Defense Minister Jusuf and has developed a very close working relationship with him over the last several years. As a result of his ability and association with Jusuf, General Kahpi is expected to have a bright future. With mandatory retirement not until 1986, he is one of the youngest two-star generals in the armed forces, and a member of the post-revolutionary generation of officers now coming to prominence.

(C/NOFORN) POLITICS: General Kahpi is very pro-US and friendly toward Americans. He was scheduled to come to the US in September 1980, but that visit was cancelled by his government. He strongly supports the programs and policies of President Suharto, and is a confidant of General Jusuf.

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(C/NOFORN) PERSONAL DATA: General Kahpi was born on 14 June 1931 in Bandung, Indonesia. He is married and has three daughters. His wife, Eleina, has been a practicing dentist. Kahpi is an intelligent officer who thrives on competition. He has an outgoing personality and is an easy conversationalist. He enjoys playing tennis.

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He speaks excellent English in addition to Japanese, Spanish, Dutch, French, and Russian.

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Major General KAHPI Suriadiredja
January 1982

(U) CAREER: General Kahpi is a 1956 graduate of the Netherlands Naval Academy. Initially assigned as an instructor at the Marine Amphibious School (1956-1960), Kahpi was later assigned as a company commander. In 1962, he commanded a landing craft unit and in 1964 was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force as a tank battalion commander. Following duty as a Brigade Operations Officer (1965-1966), Kahpi was appointed Commandant of the Cadet Regiment at the Indonesian Naval Academy. Prior to his schooling at Quantico, Kahpi had attended the USN Amphibious School at Coronado, California, and the Armored Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. In recent years, Kahpi has commanded the 52d Marine Brigade and, concurrently, the Jakarta Marine Corps Base. Between 1975-1976, he served as the Provost Marshal for the Indonesian Navy. In July 1976, Kahpi was assigned as the Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps. His promotion to Major General occurred in April 1980.

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INDONESIA
Admiral Walujo SUGITO
January 1982

(U) NAME: Admiral Walujo Sugito, Indonesian Navy. Variant: Waloejo Soegito. Nickname: Wally.

(U) POSITION: Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Indonesian Navy, since June 1977.

(C/NOFORN) SIGNIFICANCE: Admiral Sugito believes that the Navy is his country's first line of defense. He is dedicated to improving and upgrading the Indonesian fleet. As Deputy CNS, Admiral Sugito was highly regarded and generally recognized as the man behind the moves to re-equip and raise the standards of the Navy.



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(U) POLITICS: Admiral Sugito is pro-West and anti-Communist in his political orientation.

(C/NOFORN) CAREER: At the outbreak of World War II, Sugito was attending a merchant navy training school in Jakarta. Later, the occupying Japanese gave him the choice of joining one of their three services. He chose the Navy and was sent to Iwo Jima for training. Sugito subsequently served in PT boats and was torpedoed twice by allied submarines. At the end of the war, he was absorbed into the Netherlands Navy as a warrant officer. Following Indonesian independence from the Dutch, Sugito was commissioned and given command of a destroyer. During 1951-1953, Sugito saw action against Moluccan rebels. In 1954, he received training in the United Kingdom. In 1961, Sugito was assigned as the Assistant Navy Attache to Australia and New Zealand. He returned to Indonesia in 1965 and was assigned as the Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence. Between 1968-1972, Sugito commanded regional naval districts. Following a year as Commander of the Naval Command and Staff School, Sugito was appointed Deputy Chief of Naval Staff in 1973. Sugito may be designated Ambassador to Australia subsequent to his retirement.

(C/NOFORN) PERSONAL DATA: Admiral Sugito was born on 9 July 1926 in Jakarta. He is married and has three daughters and a son. His wife, Ning, is a vegetarian. Admiral Sugito is fluent in English.

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General Poniman

September 1980

(U) NAME: General Poniman, Indonesian Army.

(U) POSITION: Chief of Staff, Indonesian Army since 17 April 1980.



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(C/NOFORN) SIGNIFICANCE: General Poniman is an experienced career military officer who has held a series of important military commands. A member of the retiring leadership generation who fought in his country's revolution, Gen Poniman's past positions have included Commander of the sensitive Jakarta Military Area, Commander of the Army's Strategic Strike Forces, Commander of the Sumatran Region, and until recently, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. As the newly appointed Army Chief of Staff, he occupies the top army post and the third highest ranking position in the Indonesian Armed Forces (after the Armed Forces Commander and his deputy). Considered quiet and unassuming, General Poniman's rise to prominence is in part explained by his close past association with President Suharto and his friendly acquaintance with Defense Minister and Armed Forces Commander General Jusuf. Over the past two years, Poniman had been a frequent traveling companion with Jusuf in his numerous inspection tours throughout the provinces, and he was considered Jusuf's first choice for army chief. In contrast to his predecessor General Widodo, Poniman is expected to be compliant and highly responsive to Jusuf who has taken an active and direct role in army affairs. General Poniman is scheduled for retirement in 1981, but because of the national leadership's desire for continuity during the uncertain upcoming election yrs (1982-83), he may be extended for a limited period beyond that date.

(C/NOFORN) POLITICS: General Poniman has been very friendly towards American representatives, and apparently has a pro-West outlook. During the Vietnam War, he expressed his concern over the Vietnamese threat to Southeast Asia and supported the then US military involvement. Like all top senior Indonesian officers, he can be considered anti-Communist. During his earlier career, he also was obsessed with the Chinese in Singapore. Poniman reportedly has been a close friend of President Suharto as well as a number of senior military generals. His pleasant personality has apparently been a major asset in his advancement and he has no known enemies. In the past, Poniman has been active in supporting the government in local politics. He also was a member of the country's People's consultative Congress but it is not known if he still retains this position.

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INDONESIA
General Poniman
September 1980

In his early career, Poniman served in the Siliwangi Division which is based in the West Java area. He may still retain an affiliation with the politically and socially oriented Siliwangi Corps Foundation.

(C/NOFORN) PERSONAL DATA: General Poniman was born on 18 July 1926 in Solo, Central Java. He prefers to listen rather than lead discussions. Past interviews found him generally cordial but non-committal. Poniman is highly thought of by his colleagues who have found him easy to work with. He is married and has four children. His wife is active in military wives groups. Both are practicing Muslims and speak English well. Poniman smokes cigarettes and prefers soft drinks to alcoholic beverages. For entertainment, he enjoys parties and movies.

(U) CAREER:

Prior to 1956	- No info is avail.
1956	- CO, Bn size unit.
1957	- Deputy CO, Regt size unit.
1962-1964	- CO, Military Resort.
1964-1965	- Student Officer.
1965-1966	- Staff Officer, KODAM VI.
1966-1968	- CG, KODAM III, promoted to BG.
1969-1970	- CG, KODAM XV.
1970-1973	- CG, KODAM V, promoted to MGEN.
1973-1974	- CMDR, KOSTRAD, promoted to LTG on 1 Dec 73.
1974-1977	- CMDR, KOWILHAN I, since May 74.
1977-1980	- Vice Chief of Staff, Indonesian Army.
1980-Present	- Chief of Staff, Indonesian Army.

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